

PROTOCOL ON ACADEMIC AND SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGE

between

**SAINT-PETERSBURG UNIVERSITY,
RUSSIAN FEDERATION
and**

UNIVERSITY OF GRONINGEN, NETHERLANDS

for the period from June 2015 till June 2020

Federal State Budgetary Educational Institution of Higher Professional Education «Saint-Petersburg State University» (hereinafter - SPbU), duly represented by its Vice-Rector for International Affairs A.V. Gogolevsky acting under the proxy n.28-21-64 issued 26/01/2015, on the one part,

and

The University of Groningen, the Netherlands (hereinafter – RUG), duly represented by its President, Prof. Dr. Sibrandes Poppema, on the other part,

hereinafter together referred to as the “Parties” and solely to as the “Party”,

in accordance with the General Agreement for Cooperation concluded by the Parties on October 20, 2011 (hereinafter referred to as the “Agreement”), agreed to continue their academic and scientific cooperation and have prepared to that effect the following Protocol on Academic and Scientific Exchange (hereinafter referred to as the “Protocol”).

Hereby agree upon the following

§ 1

- 1.1. The Parties will continue and develop scientific, academic and other forms of cooperation in the areas of their mutual interest, also involving other interested institutions, organizations and associations.
- 1.2. The Parties will promote conducting joint scientific and academic activities, publication of papers, journals, textbooks and tutorials, organization of seminars, conferences, and other joint projects.
- 1.3. With the objects indicated in cl. 1.1. and 1.2. of the Protocol the Parties will promote the exchange of academic and research staff during the validity of the present Protocol and in accordance with the terms and conditions set by the present Protocol.

§ 2

- 2.1. The Parties agree that the total annual duration of exchange of academic and research staff in the frameworks of the present Protocol should not exceed 30 days (3 people x 10 workdays maximum, excluding travelling days) at each university.
- 2.2. The exchange participants shall be provided by the host university (if the necessary funds are available):
 - 2.2.1. in SPbU – free of charge accommodation and a daily allowance in accordance with the norms set in SPbU;

- 2.2.2. in Groningen – accommodation in the University Hotel and an allowance, all in accordance with the conditions of the University of Groningen staff mobility fund called “Marco Polo Fund”. The RUG academic acting as host shall apply for the Marco Polo scholarship according to the rules and regulations of the scholarship scheme and covering the mentioned expenses.
- 2.3. From the side of SPbU, all visa related expenses medical insurance expenses, travel expenses and any additional expenses related to the participation in the outgoing exchange shall be covered by the exchange participant, or by the home university, or by a third party, in accordance with the national law.
From the side of RUG, all visa expenses, travel expenses and any additional expenses related to the participation in outgoing exchange shall be covered by the participant, or by the home university as part of the Marco Polo scholarship applied for by the outgoing academic.
- 2.4. The Parties undertake not to impose any charges (admissions and taxes) to the exchange participants in connection to their participation in the exchange, with the exception of those relating to optional activities offered as well as charges indicated in cl. 2.3.
- 2.5. All the exchange participants should have a medical insurance valid on the territory of the host country during the whole exchange period.
- 2.6. Possibility and terms of acceptance of academic and research staff over the total annual duration of exchange stated in cl. 2.1 will be agreed separately in each case.

§ 3

- 3.1. In order to administrate the joint activities within the frameworks of the present Protocol each Party (within 1 month after the date of signing of the present Protocol) shall appoint a coordinator responsible for the concurrence of exchange conditions and documental support of the exchange participants.
- 3.2. The Parties shall promptly notify (within 10 working days) each other about the appointment or change of the coordinator, as well as about change his/her contact information.
- 3.3. The Parties agree to set the following procedure for assessment of the applications for exchange under the conditions of the present Protocol:
- 3.3.1. Each application shall be issued according to the rules of the host university and forwarded by the coordinator of the home university to the coordinator of the host university at least 3 months prior to the visit.
- 3.3.2. The final decision on the possibility of acceptance and terms of each exchange participant (including the duration, financial and organizational support as well as the final program of visit) shall be made by the host university. The host university shall notify the coordinator of the home university about its decision at least 2 months prior to the visit.
- 3.3.3. In case of consent of the conditions of the exchange, the host university, on its own account, will send a formal invitation for the exchange participant (containing a full description of the terms of acceptance) to the coordinator of the home university.
- 3.4. The procedure referred in cl. 3.3 can be changed only by mutual written consent of the Parties.

§ 4

- 4.1. Cooperation of the Parties within the framework of the present Protocol shall be carried out in accordance with the General Agreement, as well as procedures, policies and practices of each Party and in accordance with the law of the Russian Federation and the law of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.
- 4.2. Shall any dispute or disagreement arise between the Parties connected with or concerning the Protocol, the Parties shall first try to resolve the dispute by negotiations. If the dispute is not resolved by such negotiations, the Parties shall be free to submit the dispute to a court of the respondent's place of business. The applicable law is the law of the country where the questionable commitment arose.
- 4.3. Each Party shall not use names and logos of the other Party without its prior consent, if not related directly to the performance of obligations under the present Protocol, except as provided by law.

§ 5

- 5.1. The present Protocol shall enter into force upon its signature and shall be valid during the period from 1 June 2015 till 31 May 2020.
- 5.2. This Protocol may be terminated by either Party at any time provided that the terminating Party gives written notice at least 6 months prior to termination of the Protocol. The Protocol ceases to be in force after the termination, whereas the Parties agree to complete the initialized activities.
- 5.3. Any changes or amendments to the Protocol shall be done in writing and signed by the authorized representatives of the Parties.

§ 6

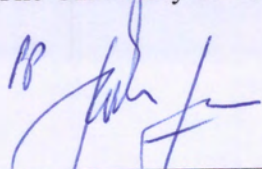
- 6.1. The Protocol is signed in two copies in English— one copy for each Party.

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